



Newtown Square  
Presbyterian Church

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September 6, 2026



# NSPC Weekly

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The NSPC congregation extends a warm welcome to those who are visiting with us today. If you are in search of a new church home, we invite you to make that home with us. Please check the appropriate column on the pew pad if you would like to visit with the pastor or would like more information about the church. Include your phone number and/or email address. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Gathering Room following the service.

**Worship Leader:** Karen Shea

**Ushers:** Allen Corle, Capt; Lynne Corle, Jack Chidester

**Communion Servers:** Ed Arraya, Ginni Condo, Rebecca DiPersia, Cheryl Koch, Jim Shea, Karen Shea, Grant Snyder

**Communion Preparers:** Carol Guest

**Fellowship Host:** Ed & Rosemarie Arraya

**Summer Sunday School Teacher:** No Summer Sunday School

*Are you visiting us today?*  
We would love to get to know you!  
Please sign in using this QR code:



**THE LORD'S DAY**  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026

10:00 AM

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you.*

**PRELUDE**

*Come, Follow Me* ..... By S. McBurney / Arr. by W. Brown

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Ezekiel 33 and Psalm 119*)

Listen! The Lord calls out to us, offering life!

*Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God.*

Walk in the paths of God's commandments with delight.

*Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God.*

*With all our hearts,*

*we turn to you, and you give us life!*

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE 267**.....MADRID

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

From evil, even when it masquerades as good,

*merciful God, deliver us.*

From selfishness and vain desires,

*merciful God, deliver us.*

From irresponsible behaviors, quarreling, and jealousy,

*merciful God, deliver us.*

From hurtful disagreements and irreconcilable differences,

*merciful God, deliver us.*

Turn us, O God, from sin and death.  
***Lead us into the abundant life Christ brings.***  
***Forgive us, we pray,***  
***and teach us to forgive,***  
***through Jesus Christ. Amen.***

*(Please offer in silence your personal confession.)*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends, believe the good news:  
***In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.***  
***Thanks be to God!***

## **\*GLORIA PATRI 581**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,*  
*and to the Holy Ghost;*  
*as it was in the beginning,*  
*is now and ever shall be,*  
*world without end. Amen, Amen.*

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Guide us, O God,  
by your Word and Spirit.  
May we learn to follow,  
may we learn to serve,  
and may we learn to love.  
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

NT Page 174 ..... I Corinthians 12:12-20, 26-27

This is the Word of our Lord.  
***Thanks be to God.***

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....** Rev. Bill Searight  
*(All children and youth should remain in worship following the Children's  
Messgae. There is no Sunday School or youth group this morning.)*

**ANTHEM** .....By R. Lowry/ W.B. Bradbury / Arr. by Sun Ahn  
*I Need Thee Every Hour & Sweet Hour of Prayer*  
Azer Damirov, Vn.; Harris Banks, Vc.; Jin Hyun Park, Pn.

**SCRIPTURE READING**  
NT Page 20 ..... Matthew 18:15-20  
This is the Word of our Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

**SERMON** ..... **Rev. Bill Searight**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*The Apostles’ Creed*)  
*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,*  
*creator of heaven and earth.*  
*I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,*  
*who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,*  
*born of the Virgin Mary,*  
*suffered under Pontius Pilate,*  
*was crucified, died, and was buried;*  
*He descended to the dead.*  
*On the third day He rose again;*  
*He ascended into heaven,*  
*He is seated at the right hand of the Father,*  
*and He will come to judge the living and the dead.*  
*I believe in the Holy Spirit,*  
*the holy catholic church,*  
*the communion of saints,*  
*the forgiveness of sins,*  
*the resurrection of the body,*  
*and the life everlasting. Amen.*

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 306**.....DENNIS  
“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

## **WE BRING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS BEFORE GOD**

To give electronically, scan this QR code on your smart phone.  
Please feel free to give in-person as well.



## **OFFERTORY**

*The Lord's Prayer*..... By A.H. Malotte / Arr. by P. Langford  
Azer Damirov, Vn.; Harris Banks, Vc.; Jin Hyun Park, Pn.

## **\*DOXOLOGY 606**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## **INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

## **PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them up to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give our thanks and praise...*

...We join with all creation

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in your name.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

Great is the mystery of faith:  
*Christ has died,*  
*Christ is risen,*  
*Christ will come again.*

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND FILLING OF THE CUP**

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*You may eat and drink as you are served. Grape juice is served and gluten-free wafers are provided in the center of each tray.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**\*CLOSING HYMN 299**.....HANOVER  
“You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Fanfare on “National Hymn”* ..... by G. W. Warren / Arr. by H. Livingston

*\*Congregation standing in body or spirit, as able.*

# UPCOMING EVENTS. *This Week @ ASPC*

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## **Today, Sunday, September 6, 2026**

|          |                 |
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| 10:00 AM | Worship Service |
| 11:00 AM | Fellowship Hour |

## **Monday, September 7, 2026**

Office Closed for Labor Day

## **Tuesday, September 8, 2026**

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| 8:00 AM | Men's Christian Fellowship |
| 6:00 PM | AA                         |

## **Thursday, September 10, 2026**

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| 6:00 PM | AA |
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## **Saturday, September 12, 2026**

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| 10:00 AM | ACA |
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### ***Office Hours:***

*Monday & Friday*

*Office is Closed*

*Tuesday – Thursday*

*9:00 – 3:30*

## Worship Notes



The chancel flowers this morning are given in honor and gratitude for the members of our Buildings & Grounds committee and their continued hard work and commitment.

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## Prayer Requests



Please share your prayer concerns! Trusting that God hears our prayers, we want to pray with and for you!

**This week, please pray for:**

- Eric Jones & his family
- Dennis White (friend of Joe Falcon)
- Joe Falcon
- Penny & the Doran Family (friends with Julia Altenburger)
- Peter Bowen (son of Jean Bowen)
- David Tucker
- Jerry Schauer
- Kathy Saybolt
- Mary Loomis

# Mission Fair



Join us at our **Mission Fair** on **Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**. Following worship, we will be having our regular fellowship time with donated bagels from ***Original Bagel***. The Mission Fair will be set up in the Gathering Room with activities and information available from many missions. Some will even have activities for adults and children.

## Helpful donations:

The Missions represented need our help in many ways. Financial donations can be made to NSPC with the specific mission's name in the memo line. Other miscellaneous donations can be made that day or dropped off in the Gathering Room boxes:

- Non-Perishable foods - distributed to various locations
- Gently used clothing for Chester Eastside (fold and package in a handled shopping bag)
- Used print cartridges in the jug on the Mission Table
- Flip tabs (Please put by the jug. At the fair, the children of the church will have a project to put them in the jug.) We are also looking for donations of individually packaged snacks.
- Women's monthly products (pads and liners only)
- Hats, gloves, scarves - new
- Winter coats gently used for Chester Eastside Ministries
- School supplies - Chester Eastside and Gemma Services
- Canine Partners Amazon list: [Canine Partners Amazon Wish List](#)

## Coats for Sale!!

Winter will be here very soon. We have 20 new winter coats for children that we plan to donate to a mission! We would love for you to be a part of this by "buying" a coat to donate for \$20. This helps us to recoup the money to use for another future mission. The coats will then be provided to a mission in need of winter coats for children.

# Announcements



## CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

During the month of September, NSPC is once again participating in the **CWS Blanket Drive**. This vital program provides blankets to millions of people who may have little or nothing else. These blankets provide not only a means to help people survive but also to give them hope that someone cares about them. A

sample of the wool durable and water-resistant blanket hangs in the Narthex. If you would like to participate in this program you may use the envelope in the pew rack or send your donation directly to the church. Please write your check to NSPC with "CWS Blanket Drive" on the memo line. Thank you for your part to "*Blanket the world with love.*"

## Ladies Luncheon

Ladies, we are having our first luncheon of the fall on Wednesday, October 7th at **Soprano's**. This restaurant is on the corner of Media

Line Road and West Chester Pike. They have given NSPC some discount nights in the past and have been most generous. We will meet at noon. Suggestion is to gather at NSPC at 11:30 and carpool. The parking lot is small and if we have a big group, it makes it easier to park. We will leave the parking lot by 11:45 so mark your calendars. Each person will pay at the register for their own lunch. 20% tip since we are a group. Please RSVP by Sunday, October 4th to Sue Bechtold so a number can be provided for set up. 484-832-8984 or [Suebechtold1@gmail.com](mailto:Suebechtold1@gmail.com)

## Please Sign the Friendship Pads!

Each Sunday, there are black pads in the pew racks. It would be nice if they were passed down the row weekly. Perhaps you are the end person in the row and see the pad. Please remember to pass it along to your row. We appreciate your help!



**American  
Red Cross**

*Every pint donated makes a difference!* Our next drive is October 1st! Registration is open:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Newtown%20Township>



Don't forget to fill out the **Kickoff Sunday** insert! We look forward to having you join us for our Welcome Back Luncheon and Kick Off Sunday. During worship, we'll **commission our Sunday school teachers** during the Children's Message and hold our annual "**Blessing of the Backpacks**" — students of all ages are encouraged to bring their backpacks!

# Youth Announcements



**Welcome Back Campfire & S'Mores.** The Youth Group's first event of the year is on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 – 6:30 PM. Join us for some S'mores and fellowship! Bring a chair or blanket and a water bottle. Sign up to bring something! Use the QR code:



**Youth Group Hayride Get Together at the Bates Motel!** On Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, the youth group will enjoy a frightful evening at the Bates Motel. Tickets can be purchased at <https://thebatesmotel.com> for the 6:30 PM time slot. If it rains, we will hold a Pizza, Pocus, and

Pumpkins event at the church!

**Little Lights** will meet **on the first Sunday of each month from 11:15-11:45** in the youth room downstairs. All Preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade children are invited to be a part of Little Lights at NSPC – a faith-filled time to grow, play and shine together! We will enjoy crafts, songs, and games. Join us as we learn to shine God's light together!

***Our first meeting will be on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>!***



**Join Our Kids' Junior Choir!** All children preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to be part of our Junior Choir. We will meet two times a month and sing during the children's message once a month. Come join the fun as we sing, worship, and share our talents with all! More details are in the Newsletter!



## **Project Blessing Bags**

Now through October 18th we will be collecting items for blessing bags that our youth will be putting together. Our goal is 200 Bags! If you would like to donate items please bring and drop off in the Youth bin in the Gathering room.

Donations can be labeled "Blessing Bags" or dropped off in Kristi's office. Please drop off by October 18th. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Kristi at [kristi@newtownsquarepres.org](mailto:kristi@newtownsquarepres.org)

### **Items included:**

- Travel Tooth Paste
- Travel Mouth Wash
- Travel Hand Sanitizer
- Individual Tooth Brush
- Floss
- Travel Deodorant
- Bar Soap
- Travel Q-tips
- Chapstick
- Band-Aids
- Gallon Bags Zipper Top
- Travel Wipes
- Granola Bars
- Beef Jerky
- Small individually wrapped candy (like for Halloween)
- Individual mints
- Socks
- Bottled Water
- Instant coffee
- Tea Bags

*Church Officers:*

**SESSION/BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Moderator: The Rev. Bill Searight

Class of 2026

Ed Arraya  
Buff Biddle  
Jane Fioravanti  
Joe Marchesani

Class of 2027

Sue Bechtold  
Sara DiGirolamo  
Jennifer Gries  
Doug Tase

Class of 2028

Lynne Corle  
Joe Falcon  
Rob Gray  
Laurie Lynch

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Kathy Donovan  
Margie Garwood  
Marg MacDonald

Class of 2027

Bob Arnold  
Nicolle Arraya  
Paul Florence  
Andy Tucker

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Jack Chidester  
Pat Deluca  
Rich Digby  
Karen Shea



***In Ministry Together at Newtown Square Presbyterian Church:***

|                                                                    |                                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Pastor .....                                                       | The Rev. Bill Searight          |
| Parish Associate .....                                             | The Rev. Dr. Nancy Holt Timothy |
| Director of Music .....                                            | Jin Hyun Park                   |
| Director of Youth & Families .....                                 | Kristi Schaub                   |
| Church Office Manager .....                                        | Heather Impriano                |
| PreK-1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday School Teacher .....                   | Beth McCarry                    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School Teacher ..... | Debbie Villano                  |
| Nursery Attendants .....                                           | Grace McCarry & Sadie Kazanjian |
| Co-Director, NSPC Preschool.....                                   | Jane Fioravanti                 |
| Co-Director, NSPC Preschool.....                                   | Meghan Kazanjian                |
| Clerk of Session .....                                             | Sara DiGirolamo                 |
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| Head Usher.....                                                    | Grant Snyder                    |
| Communion Coordinator .....                                        | Carol Guest                     |
| Presbyterian Women.....                                            | Ginny Berman                    |

***Plus...all the members of NSPC***

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